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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows.

Please cancel Claims 7, 8, 10, 12-14, 21, 23, and 24 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 25 and 26 and then cancel Claims 9 and 11 without prejudice.

1. (Previously Amended) An apparatus for providing a primary roof control support in an underground mine, comprising:

(a) a round or oval dome-shaped bearing plate for contacting, supporting, and compressing a mine roof in an underground mine;

(b) a center aperture in said bearing plate for receiving a roof bolt when installed in said mine roof;

(c) apertures on said bearing plate for hanging cables and wires and "J" hooks;

(d) a recessed center on said bearing plate for concealing a head on said roof bolt when installed in said mine roof and for providing a lock washer effect on said roof bolt; and

(e) a center recessed area on said bearing plate adapted to cause an outside rim to contact said mine roof first and then to compress said mine roof at a 30 to 45 degree angle.

2. (Previously Amended) The apparatus as set forth in Claim 1,